and affluent persons to come forward to donate blood so that poor people are checked from selling their blood frequently; and

(d) if so, details of the scheme chalked out in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) There is overall shortage of blood in the country as well as in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Government have prepared a number of audio-visual material which is being extensively used through mass media and one to one communication. The campaigns get intensified around 1st October every year being the National Day for Voluntary Blood Donation when a large number of activities directed towards voluntary Blood donation are undertaken.

**Ratio of Officers in Army**

3732. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of the different categories of the officers of the Indian Army;

(b) whether there is any need of revising the present ratio of the officers; and

(c) if so, the ratio of different categories of officers in the armies of some of the Western Countries to assess the position of the Indian Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c). The ratio of commissioned officers in different ranks, as per sanctioned strength, in the Indian Army is as under:-

| | Rank | Ratio |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | General | 0.0022 |
| (b) | Lieutenant General | 0.125 |
| (c) | Major General | 0.438 |
| (d) | Brigadiers | 1.796 |
| (e) | Colonel | 7.47 |
| (f) | Lieutenant Colonel | 8.55 |
| (g) | Majors, Captain and below | 81.61 |

2. The posts in the Army in various ranks are sanctioned according to the needs of the Army. The ratio of the posts in different ranks gets altered as and when new posts are sanctioned or abolish.

3. The ratio of officers in different ranks in the US Army, as per information available with us, is:-

| | Rank | Ratio |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | General | 0.012 |
| (ii) | Lieutenant General | 0.048 |
| (iii) | Major General | 0.041 |
| (iv) | Brigadier | 0.199 |
| (v) | Colonel | 4.430 |
| (vi) | Lieutenant Colonel | 10.459 |
| (vii) | Major | 17.687 |
| (viii) | Captain | 30.271 |
| (ix) | Lieutenant | 11.924 |
| (x) | Second Lieutenant | 9.866 |
| (xi) | Chief Warrant Officer | 12.613 |
| (xii) | Warrant Officer | 2.350 |

**Nehru Yuva Kendras**

3733. SHRI R.B. RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Kendras presently functioning in the country;

(b) the quantum of funds allotted for Nehru Yuva Kendras during the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the procedures adopted for appointment of employees and Officers in Nehru Yuva Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.: (a) 489 Nehru Yuva Kendras are presently functioning in the country.

(b) The funds sanctioned during the last five years to Nehru Yuva Kendras are as under:-